

Recommendations and Problems

Monthly Reports for December 1958

CARTOGRAPHY DIVISION

It has been found that the transfer of G-Area responsibility to St/I for the distribution of documents and current publications is working exceedingly well in the various Branches of the Division. Division personnel have adjusted to the changed procedure and appear to be in general agreement with the type and quality of material the Reading Panel has been forwarding. Preliminary estimates indicate the various Branches are using approximately 10% of their time in evaluating this "take" and current background reading. The use of this time will be kept under careful scrutiny to avoid undue consumption of time in the Division.

SPECIAL SUPPORT BRANCH

The influx of new work is higher than it has been for several months, but our backlog has not yet become too heavy.

DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION BRANCH

The bottleneck of type orders in the Composing Section which was noted in last month's report has been virtually cleared up. Special effort was made to complete the NIS Base Map type to keep the Drafting Section going on this project.

GEOGRAPHY DIVISION

At least one ERA report issued during the month carried "analyst credit", indicating the names of the three responsible authors. In the interest of intra-ORR consistency and fairness, it is suggested that GRA re-examine its earlier recommendation against the adoption of this practice as Office policy.

A memorandum concerning OBI counterproposals to the Chapter IX Subcommittee proposals for an adjustment in scheduling was forwarded to the AD/OBI. The Chapter IX Subcommittee proposals dated 2 September were then presented to the NIS Committee, 16 December, which did not agree to any adjustment. The problem of reducing time spent in preparation of the Section 19 and the corresponding part of the Chapter I Annuals was referred back to the Chapter IX Subcommittee.

GEOGRAPHY DIVISION (Cont'd)

OBI informed us that the graphics prepared for the Section 19 for NIS 41A would not be included in the published Section. It is regrettable that the results of the efforts of the ad hoc committee, which was set up at OBI's insistence that graphics be considered for the Section 19, should not at least be given a trial.

EUROPE BRANCH

The tendency of D/GL, Domestic Procurement, to treat all mapping requirements as their own, even though such requirements may have been initiated in D/GG, appears to go beyond the directive set forth in the Ch/G memorandum of 22 September 1958. It is suggested that this point be clarified to the end that such requirements will be designated as originating in D/GG and coordinated in D/GL.

SPECIAL RESEARCH STAFF

Graphics Register, OCR, is to be commended for the exemplary cooperation displayed in supplying [REDACTED] with photo slides for use in the ATIC briefing.

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MAP LIBRARY DIVISION

A shortage of typists in the typing pool presented the publication of the Acquisitions List on schedule. It is expected that additional typists will report for duty in the pool in January, which will alleviate the present shortage.